

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newville, Pennsylvania

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole of the Board of School Directors for the Big Spring School District met in the Big Spring High School Large Group Room, Room 140, at 7:00 p.m. with seven (7) directors present; William Swanson, President; Todd Deihl, Vice President; David Gutshall, Treasurer; William Piper, Secretary; Robert Over, John Wardle, Bob Kanc.

Others in attendance: Richard W. Fry, Superintendent; Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Assistant Superintendent; Richard Kerr, Jr., Business Manager; Cathy Seras, Board Minutes;

II. Presentations:

➤ **PSBA Update and Presentation of Board Service Years**

- Mrs. Autumn Alleman, PSBA Member Services Manager

- Mrs. Alleman communicated that the *Honor Roll of School Board Service* recognizes Board Members at 8 years of service and every 4 years thereafter.
- Mrs. Alleman shared the years of service for the Board Members listed.
 - William Piper, 20 years of service
 - William Swanson, 16 years of service
 - Richard Roush, 12 years of service
- Mrs. Alleman shared positive thoughts of BSSD and commended the board for all they do and have done for BSSD.
- Mrs. Alleman talked about the board training.
- Mrs. Alleman talked about the Success program.
- Dr. Fry shared that the District will assist the Board of School Directors with onsite training.
- Mrs. Alleman stated that Pennsylvania was the first state to establish the School Board Association.
- Pictures were taken of Mr. Piper and Mr. Swanson. Mr. Roush was absent.

➤ **District Improvement Forum Presentation**

- **Dr. Richard W. Fry, Superintendent of Schools**

- **Dr. Kevin C. Roberts, Jr., Assistant Superintendent**

- Dr. Fry shared the background of the District Improvement Committee Forum.
- Dr. Fry talked about engaging the community on-line.
- Dr. Roberts shared the committee background, challenges and the rationale for change.
- Dr. Roberts communicated the revised 2019-2020 structure and shared that there are three meeting cycles which take place in the fall, winter and spring.
- Dr. Roberts shared the top themes of the meetings.
 - Mental Health Services
 - Security After Hours
 - Situational Awareness
 - Safety Measures Place
 - Bus Safety/Communication
 - Building Security
 - Threat Know Security
 - Bullying Kids
- Dr. Roberts talked about mental health services for students who are struggling and may not have outside support.
- Dr. Roberts shared that the district has eight counselors (3 Elementary, 2 Middle School and 3 High School), one Home and School Visitor, two Psychologists and a Psychiatrist on consult.
- Dr. Roberts communicated that the Student Assistance Team (SAT) has been in place for many years at the secondary level and the District is expanding the model to elementary this year. It was shared that SAT staff review students with concerns and then initiate an assessment process to help student's access services either in the school or community.
- Dr. Roberts talked about the mental health community partnerships with Laurel Life, Growing Edges and TeenLine.
- It was communicated that staff continues to receive mental health trainings provided by the District.
- Security after hours was discussed amongst Administration and Board Members.

III. PREVIEW OF THE AGENDA

President Swanson requested that the Board address XII. NEW BUSINESS PERSONNEL CONCERNS and combine Items A through G into one motion.

IV. BUILDING & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

No discussion

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE

No discussion

VI. DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

No discussion

VII. BOARD POLICY

No discussion

VIII. ITEMS FROM FLOOR

No discussion

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kanc, seconded by Deihl to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote: Voting Yes: Swanson, Deihl, Piper, Wardle, Over, Gutshall, and Kanc

Motion carried unanimously. 7-0

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **7:45 p.m.**

William L. Piper, Secretary